

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT,  
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS  
EASTERN DIVISION**

AUBREY LOCKE.,	)	
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Plaintiff,	)	
	)	Docket No: 08 CV 1653
v.	)	
	)	Judge Der-Yeghiayan
TRANSUNION, LLC a Delaware limited liability,	)	Magistrate Judge Nolan
Company, NORTHERN ILLINOIS	)	
GAS COMPANY, an Illinois corporation,	)	
	)	
Defendants.	)	

**INITIAL STATUS REPORT**

NOW COMES the Defendants, Northern Illinois Gas Company (“Nicor) and TransUnion LLC (“TransUnion”), through their respective attorneys in this matter, and for the parties’ Initial Status Report states:

A. Identity of attorneys of record for each party, including lead trial attorney:

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B. Nature of Claims and Counterclaims:

Plaintiff has filed an action against Nicor Gas and TransUnion for claimed violations of the Fair Credit Reporting Act, Illinois Consumer Fraud Act and common law defamation.

C. Relief sought by plaintiff:

Plaintiff seeks monetary damages of an unspecified amount as against each Defendant.

D. Names of parties not served:

None.

E. Principal legal issues:

The principal legal issues are the applicability of the Illinois Consumer Fraud Act to this case.

F. Principal factual issues:

Whether the Defendants properly reported Plaintiff's non-payment for natural gas service;

Whether Defendants have reasonable procedures in place related to credit reporting under the Fair Credit Reporting Act;

Whether Plaintiff incurred damages proximately caused by defendants; and

Whether the Plaintiff mitigated damages

F. List of pending motions and brief summary of bases for motion:

None.

G. Descriptions of discovery requested and exchanged:

No discovery has been exchanged at this time.

H. Type of discovery needed:

Interrogatories, Requests to Produce, Requests to Admit and Deposition testimony.

1. Proposed dates for Rule 26(a)(1) disclosures, fact discovery completion, expert discovery completion (including dates for the delivery of expert reports), and filing of dispositive motions:
2. Initial disclosures pursuant to Rule 26(a)(1) shall be completed no later than August 15, 2008.
3. Facts discovery:
  - a. Initial interrogatories and requests to produce to be tendered by August 22, 2008;
  - b. All fact discovery to be completed by May 29, 2009.
4. Expert discovery:
  - a. All expert discovery to be completed by May 29, 2009.
  - b. No later than 30 days prior to the date in paragraph 3b, the parties shall meet and confer on a schedule for expert disclosure, including reports, production of underlying documents and depositions provided that (a) Plaintiff's expert report shall be due before those of the Defendants' experts; and (b) all expert discovery shall be completed by the dates put forth in paragraph 4a.
5. Date for filing of dispositive motions: September 30, 2009.
  - I. Estimation of when the case will be ready for trial:  
March 2010
  - J. Probable length of trial:  
3-5 days

K. Whether a request has been made for a jury trial:

Plaintiff has requested a jury trial.

L. Whether there have been settlement discussions and if so the outcome of those discussions:

The parties have not held settlement discussions at this time.

M. Whether the parties consent to proceed before a Magistrate Judge:

The parties do not consent to appear before the Magistrate Judge for all proceedings including trial.

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